

Appl. No. 10/827,094  
Response to Office Action of 12/01/05

Attorney Docket No. 33951.3  
Customer No. 27683

## **II. Listing of Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1-7 (canceled)

8. (previously presented) A flotation device for supporting a user in the water, comprising a pair of buoyant front panels; a closure connecting said front panels; a pair of side connecting panels extending from said front panels, respectively, for disposition beneath the arms of the user; a buoyant back panel connected to said side connecting panels; a buoyant bottom connecting panel extending from said front panels to said back panel for disposition between the user's legs and floating the user in the water wherein said front panels, said back panel and said bottom connecting panel are constructed of a buoyant expanded foam material and comprising a flexible cover enclosing said buoyant expanded foam material of said front panels, said back panel and said bottom connecting panel;

(a) a buoyant head support panel hingedly affixed to said back panel for floating disposition beneath the user's head and supporting the user's head above the water and wherein said head support panel is constructed of an expanded foam material and comprising a flexible cover enclosing said buoyant expanded foam material of said head support panel; and

(b) a pair of shoulder straps extending from said front panels and a connecting strap connected to said shoulder straps and said back panel for positioning said shoulder straps over the shoulders of the user.

9-13 (canceled)

Appl. No. 10/827,084  
Response to Office Action of 12/01/06

Attorney Docket No. 33861.3  
Customer No. 27883

14. (previously presented) A flotation device for supporting a user in the water, comprising a pair of buoyant front panels; a closure connecting said front panels; a pair of side connecting panels extending from said front panels, respectively, for disposition beneath the arms of the user; a buoyant back panel connected to said side connecting panels; a buoyant bottom connecting panel extending from said front panels to said back panel for disposition between the user's legs and floating the user in the water; at least one tether connected to said flotation device for connecting said flotation device to a second flotation device;

(a) a buoyant head support panel hingedly attached directly to said back panel for floating disposition beneath the user's head and supporting the user's head above the water and wherein said head support panel is constructed of a buoyant expanded foam material and comprising a flexible cover enclosing said buoyant expanded foam material of said head support; and

(b) a pair of shoulder straps extending from said front panels and a connecting strap connected to said shoulder straps and said back panel for positioning said shoulder straps over the shoulders of the user.

15-26 (canceled)

27. (previously presented) The flotation device of claim 8 further comprising at least one tether connected to said flotation device for connecting said flotation device to a second flotation device.

28. (previously presented) The flotation device of claim 8 further comprising at least one connecting clip provided on each of said front panels for clipping said flotation device to a second flotation device.

29. (previously presented) The flotation device of claim 8 wherein one end of said bottom connecting panel is attached to said back panel and comprising a pair of torso

Appl. No. 10/627,094  
Response to Office Action of 12/01/06

Attorney Docket No. 39851.3  
Customer No. 27883

clips provided on said front panels, respectively, and a pair of companion bottom connecting panel clips attached to the opposite end of said bottom connecting panel from said one end, for selectively engaging said torso clips, respectively, and removably securing said bottom connecting panel to said front panels, respectively, and said bottom connecting panel between the legs of the user.

30. (previously presented) The flotation device of claim 14 wherein one end of said bottom connecting panel is attached to said back panel and comprising a pair of torso clips provided on said front panels, respectively, and a pair of companion bottom connecting panel clips attached to the opposite end of said bottom connecting panel from said one end, for selectively engaging said torso clips, respectively, and removably securing said bottom connecting panel to said front panels, respectively, and said bottom connecting panel between the legs of the user.

31-42 (canceled)